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DAVE LANG  
CLERK CIRCUIT COURT  
LEON COUNTY, FLORIDA

IN THE SECOND JUDICIAL  
CIRCUIT OF FLORIDA

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUDGE

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER NO 93- 04

IN RE LEON COUNTY SCHOOLS JUVENILE DELINQUENCY MENTORING  
PROGRAM

WHEREAS, there is currently a need for alternative intervention programs for juvenile delinquents in Leon County, and

WHEREAS, Section 39 0215 (Florida Statutes, 1992) provides local governments the authority to establish and operate programs for the control and rehabilitative treatment of delinquent behavior, and

WHEREAS, the Leon County Schools, in collaboration with the Leon County Circuit Court, has obtained funding to implement and professionally supervise a delinquent mentor program, and


WHEREAS, recent research strongly suggests that the most effective interventions with delinquents involve greater personal contact with, increased supervision of and more individualized and comprehensive services to the juveniles, it is therefore

ORDERED THAT

- 1 The TIMEOUT<sup>1</sup> juvenile delinquent mentor program is hereby established in Leon County
- 2 This program shall be administered by the Leon County Schools

- 3 Beginning April 1, 1993, at the discretion of the Court, juveniles between eight (8) and fourteen (14) years of age for whom adjudication of delinquency is either ordered or withheld on non-violent offenses may be ordered to participate in the program as a condition of community control or JASP administered by the Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services and JASP, respectively
- 4 Upon receiving such an order, the program supervisor or his/her representative will meet with the juvenile's parent(s) or guardian to encourage their approval and support for their child's participation and will then identify a mentor to be paired with the juvenile and prepare an order that appoints that mentor
- 5 Volunteer mentors must be at least 18 years old, must be trained to competency in accordance with the curriculum adopted by the Leon County Schools, and must successfully pass criminal history and abuse registry checks
- 6 An assessment of each referred juvenile's needs must be conducted by the assigned mentor and an individualized program of services be implemented by the mentor, under the supervision of the professional approved by the Leon County Schools
- 7 These individualized programs shall utilize existing resources in the community and incorporate activities that provide for the development of appropriate social and civic behaviors
- 8 In the execution of their responsibilities, mentors shall have access to any records maintained by any agency, hospital, organization, school, person or office including the Clerk of this Court, Department of Health and Rehabilitative Services, human service agencies, pediatricians, psychologists, psychiatrists, and police departments that relate to the child, without consent by the child or his/her parents.
- 9 Upon identification of such a need, mentors shall inform the program supervisor of the need for advocating for the provision or improvement of services for the child and the program supervisor will identify and follow-through with appropriate avenues for advocating for these needs
- 10 Mentors appointed to juveniles for this program shall maintain any information received from any source as confidential, and will not disclose the same except in reports to the program, the Court and other parties to this cause

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Tallahassee, Leon County, Florida this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April, 1993

  
WILLIAM L. GARY  
CHIEF JUDGE

